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COLD FEET, COLONEL?—According to our Washington correspondent, Col. Roosevelt is much disappointed in Mr. Hughes, in that the latter, in his western tour, did not bear down heavily on the colonel's favorite topic, "white-hot Americanism" or "damn the hyphenated Dutch." Mr. Hughes talked "civil service reform," "official efficiency" and other measly issues which, as the colonel well knows, get no votes, whereas the German-American alliance should have been mauled to suit the colonel's taste.

It is even intimated that the colonel has chillblains in his political feet and is, at heart, regretting that he hamstrung the Moose and delivered it in the standpat slaughter house.

But, let the colonel bide awhile. Mr. Hughes may yet visit such German points as Milwaukee, St. Louis and Cincinnati and pound German-Americans good and proper. He may, and he may not.

JUST A MONEY MATTER.—Cheer up! The Pacific Mail Co. comes right out and tells the truth. It put the American flag back on the Pacific ocean because freight rates are so high. When this "war prosperity" ends it will take the American flag off the Pacific ocean.

There's no sentiment in business in a familiar saying. The presence

of the American flag on any ocean is merely a matter of dollars and cents in somebody's private pocket. Tell us why the American people should patriotically worry because their flag isn't on some particular ocean! /

HE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW.—

"It may be very important that, here and there, there shall be a change in the wage scale. I know not."—Candidate Hughes.

Mr. Hughes' ignorance on this subject was to be expected. For years he has been wholly out of touch with wage-earners. He knows not whether they are starving or being overfed. He knows nothing about the effects of the high cost of living upon workingmen's homes and lives. He isn't quite sure that, here and there, there should be better pay. He sees fellows like Penrose, Smoot, Perkins and Crane eating cake, and, very likely, concludes therefrom that all workingmen easily get bread. Fact is, that it is only since he became awfully hungry for the presidency that Mr. Hughes was particularly interested in what the wage-earner is getting.

"I know not," says Mr. Hughes. We believe him. He's human. When a fellow has had his bread buttered on both sides, for years, he doesn't usually make a careful study of what the other fellow isn't getting; he usually goes to studying on how to get two inches of butter where there was only one before; he usually acquires the obsession that everybody else must be feeling well, and lets it go at that.

We believe that Mr. Hughes does not know that anybody else needs higher wages. And he wouldn't be worrying about it, if he were not worrying about the election, either.

HE WILL WED

Mr. M. F. Ward has tried all the old maids and says he can't have much luck, so now he is trying to fool the babies.—Blevins, Ark., News.